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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

TURKEY

(Situation as of 1200 EST)

1. Prime Minister Demirel resigned about 1745 Ankara time (1045 EST). The next move, if constitutional procedures are followed, will be for President Sunay to name a new prime minister who will form a national coalition government or head a caretaker government until national elections can be arranged.

2. The National Assembly met until 1620 (0920 EST) reportedly trying to come up with a coalition government that would be acceptable to the military. If the parliamentarians cannot agree on the makeup of a government or if their deliberations take too long, the military is ready to step in.

3. At present there seems to be no division among the higher-ranking military leaders. President Sunay will apparently remain in office, but this might change if the military dissolved Parliament and set up a junta-type regime. Sunay has vowed not to take part in any such government.

4. There are press reports that troops have been stationed around Radio Ankara and are patrolling the city, but there seems to be no large-scale troop movements.